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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment (30 Aug 04).
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 18-29 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The examiner disagrees with the applicant's arguments with respect to Ishikawa reflecting light in three directions, the examiner relies on Fig 2-3, there are only two states, on and off, and based upon the state of the pixel determines the direction (only 2 directions possible) of the data.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 18-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bernstein US 5,903,383 in view of Suzuki et al, US 6,608,620.

In considering claims 18, 22-27 and 33-34

Bernstein discloses a electrostatic memory micromirror display system (Fig 11). Regarding the actuated state and unactuated state in one and another directions, this is inherent in a micromirror device (as also disclosed by applicant's specification), since the mirror either reflects light in only the on state

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or off state. It is also known that a micromirror includes pixels which include 3 subpixels (RGB) this is inherent in a micro-mirror light valve.

Regarding the pixels being formed end to end to form parallel stripes corresponding to the size and configuration of a color stripe illumination pattern, Bernstein does not specifically disclose such limitation. However, the examiner relies on conventional practice as disclosed by Suzuki et al., US 6,608,620 which discloses a matrix type display apparatus which utilizes a parallel stripe pattern which when displayed/reflected corresponds to the size and configuration of a color strip illumination pattern.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Bernstein which discloses a micromirror display system, with Suzuki by allowing the display/system to project the image in a conventional image pattern (i.e. RGB parallel stripes) to allow the user to view the image on a conventional display.

In considering claim 19,

Bernstein discloses column and row drive ASIC control devices 110 and 112 respectively (Fig 11).

In considering claim 20,

Bernstein discloses a video data converter (light valve controller) which received the video data and subsequently feeds the data to row and column driver 112 and 110 respectively.

In considering claims 28-30,

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As discussed with respect to claim 18, and in addition the parallel stripes would collectively have a size substantially equal to the size of the illumination pattern upstream/downstream based upon the orientation of the micromirrors and the screen/display.

In considering claims 32 and 35-36,

The combination of Bernstein and Suzuki does not specifically disclose the color strip illumination pattern being generated prior to being reflected by the sub-pixels.

Although, the use of an lenticular array (which produces the color strip illumination pattern) is notoriously well known component in projection systems to adequately reflect/deflect beams in a predetermined direction. Thus the examiner takes "OFFICIAL NOTICE" regarding such a device.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Bernstein and Suzuki which discloses a micromirror display which allows the display/system to project the image in a conventional image pattern (i.e. RGB parallel stripes) by also allowing the designer of the system to incorporate lenticular arrays within the projection system which would afford the designer the ability to accurately reflect/deflect light from the light source, which would then be generated prior to be reflected by the light valve.

Conclusion

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3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure—please refer to newly cited references on attached form PTO-892.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Yenke whose telephone number is (703) 305-9871. The examiner work schedule is Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830 hrs.

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